FDI in Higher Education

790. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to permit FDI in Higher Education;

(b) if so, the maximum percentage of such FDIs; and

(c) whether Government have framed any scheme or guidelines in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) There is no separate sectoral policy notified for education sector. By virtue of Press Note 2(2000 Series), FDI upto 100% is allowed on automatic route in the Education Sector. In addition, as indicated in the same Press Note No. 2 (2000 series), the investor may choose to make an application direct to the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) without availing the automatic route.

(c) AICTE has made regulations for entry and operation of foreign universities/ institutions imparting/intending to impart technical education in India.

DoPT circular on constituting selection panel

791. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has termed a DoPT circular as invalid which says Central Ministries must seek its permission to constitute a selection panel for appointment of institutional heads and nominating a DoPT official in the selection panel is mandatory on the ground that DoPT cannot lay down selection procedures as several laws for Central and State Universities have clear guidelines on the subject; and

(b) if so, whether any steps is being contemplated to resolve the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.